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Miss Irene Forsythe
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Dear Madam:

We are returning, herewith, your document regarding possible lost property on the packing job recently done for you by our company. We have not signed said document, and offer the following explanation in this regard.

The policy of our company does not allow us to place its signature on any document of any kind relative to lost property, without first having positive evidence that the goods are missing in actuality.

Since the count, I believe, was 27 boxes as taken by you at the church, and since no representative of our company made a specific count, it would be extremely difficult to determine whether property is actually missing or whether an error in counting was made.

If, upon delivery, property is actually missing, you may register your claim and said claim will be properly handled by our claims department which is is charge of Mr. Ralph Arnold at 16 South Fir St., Medford, Oregon.

Very truly yours,

EADS TRANSFER AND STORAGE CO.

By Ralph E Evans
Operations Manager
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STATEMENT OF FACTS CONCERNING THE SHIPPING OF RELIEF MATERIAL

by Irene Forsythe

SUMMARY

35 Pieces - Actual and estimated consigned to Eads.
36 Pieces - Packed by Eads.
33 " - At first consigned to Consolidated Freightways.
34 " - Corrected Total after one box was found and sent to catch original 33.
35 " - Actually received by the Navy.
1 " - Missing box.

THE DETAILS FOLLOW:

The Eads Transfer and Storage Co., of 1115 N. E. Broadway, Portland, Oregon, packed the articles given for Chinese Relief, at the Presbyterian Church, Oregon City, Oregon, March 12, 1946.

Since more boxes were needed to pack the things than were originally estimated, and they were trying to get them off to Seattle the next morning, Mr. Ralph Evans, decided to move everything to Portland to complete them there where he had lumber available. Some of the boxes were completed with the lids nailed on, others had only one or two boards on the tops. Also, there was bedding which Mr. Evans estimated would fill two big packing boxes, and gunny sack of cotton and a small carton of little pillows to be included. The bedding and the things to be crated, and boxes, all were taken to Portland.

At 3 A. M. March 13th, Mr. Evans and I went over the notebook list itemizing by number as I wrote them and pointed out the various articles. I paid him $ 310.00 for the total bill including a tip for the men.

CONSIGNED TO HIM WERE THE FOLLOWING:

27 big packing boxes
1 square box of books
1 box which had Chinese characters on it
1 single folding single bed
1 small coal stove and stovepipe
1 trunk
1 loveseat and 2 chairs
2 estimated big boxes for the bedding, cotton, and pillows which were loose.
35 Total - estimated and actual.

The list of the contents of the boxes (separate) is suggestive of the place of the building and of the main articles, not itemized.

Dr. and Mrs. Achor and I left after 3 A. M. but saw the last things being moved out about 7:30 that morning.

That noon and afternoon I went to the office of Consolidated Freightways to prepay the shipping charges. I was given the enclosed bill listing:

4 crates
1 trunk
28 boxes or a total of 33 pieces. I protested at once that the number was short and called the Eads Company. The man who had made and packed the boxes was called to talk to me. He said that he had packed the bedding into two big boxes and explained the 4 crates as:

1 crate - chairs and loveseat
1 crate - stove and stovepipe
1 " - bed
1 " - gunny sack of cotton and carton of pillows
4 crates

That they had put the cotton and pillows in the separate crate increased the total from 35 as original to 36. In checking over the things he said that he was sure that the box with the Chinese characters and the box of books were loaded. I insisted that 3 boxes were missing. Later, as I was paying the bill, the Eads Company called to say that one big box had been found and that it was being sent over. I was told that the truck was full, that this box could not go in the original truck. Consolidated made the correction in pencil on the bill to 29 boxes and the total of 34 instead of 33. I still protested that the total should

be 36, but they could do nothing about it.

I went to the Eads Company and checked over the list and talked with the packer. Then I wired to the Navy: "Tsingtao shipment enroute Seattle count on freight bill short two boxes should be: 4 crates, 1 trunk, 29 big boxes, 2 smaller wodden boxes".

In answer he wrote:"Shipment checked in Seattle today as follows: 4 crates, 1 trunk, 30 boxes". They delivered a total of 30 boxes but the count was only 29, so the Eads Co. had miscounted, but they were still short 1 box. The Navy received 35 pieces.

We attempted to decide which box was missing, so from the Navy came the following explanation:

29 boxes
1 box - with Chinese characters
1 trunk
4 crates

35 pieces - ?

Upon receipt of this both Eads and I assumed that that last box had been lost in the delivery in Seattle. We both pressed the Consolidated Freightways to trace it. They informed me that a place had been made in the one truck for the box and that all of that shipment went in the one truck and was unloaded all at once at the Navy's dock in Seattle. Since Eads had consigned 29 boxes to them and they in reality delivered 30, they did not in any way feel responsible for the missing box. Then Mr. Calavan said frankly that Eads was responsible.

At Mr. Calavan's suggestion, and my consent, I was to appoint representatives for me here and after arrival in China check the missing articles, send a statement, and an adjustment would be made.

Dr. R. W. Achor, pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, Oregon City, and Attorney Mr. O. D. Eby are my representatives.

CONSIGNED TO EADS COMPANY WERE: 9(Not itemized in detail here) But it is suggestive of location in the basement.

Box # 1 socks, clothing, piece goods
" 2 mens' shirts, women's clothes
" 3 women's coats, Men's heavy coats
" 4 blouses, sweaters, women's skirts
" 5 men's coats, women's coats
" 6 women's coats, cotton batting
" 7 women's coats
" 8 women's coats, 2 old victrolas, L.blue cloth, 100 yds, 25 yds unbleached muslin, new victrola
" 9 women's coats, also short ones
" 10 sweaters, men's pants
" 11 electric stove, men's coats, men's vests and pants
" 12 Men's coats, women's blouses, women's sweaters, women's dresses
" 13 women's coats
" 14 magazines, women's dresses
" 15 shoes, men's pants, women's dresses
" 16 children's clothes, men's underwear
" 17 thread,
" 18 Underwear, cotton
" 19 girls' dresses, underwear
" 20 materials, shoes, girl's dresses
" 21 baby clothes, shoes
" 22 soap, soup,mix, devilled ham, soapflakes, milk, Miss Boehne's for Hilma, Mrs. Dilley's material on top.
" 23 Bottom the last of women's dresses, vitamin (liquid), vitamin in paper, soap, dresses.
" 24 1st sugar in tin turret, 2nd sugar in tin turret, milk, soup mix, prunes, coffee hag, afghans.
" 25 personal things on the table, blankets, writing paper, featherbed.
" 26 Hilma's and Mr. Davies in Duffle bag, special clothes wall table
" 27 Special clothes, victrola records
" 28 to be packed with blankets & covers, gunnysack cotton, pillows
" 29 " " " " " " " " " "
" 30 love seat and 2 chairs, to be crated.
" 31 old trunk, full of sugar, groceries.
" 32 wooden small box (Chinese characters) special clothes
" 33 1 folding single bed.
" 34 1 small stove
" 35 1 box books (to be ~~crated~~) ~~strengthed~~

(Chiang Mai)

APO 465 Box B, c/o Postmaster New York
c/o American Legation, Bangkok, Siam.
May 16, 1946

Dear Dr. MacCluer:

For the first time in nineteen years I shall write you a letter solely about PRINCE ROYAL'S COLLEGE, Chiang Mai, Siam.

Former students of Prince Royal's, locally known as the "Old Boys", came to see me the moment I reached Bangkok. They had much to tell concerning the war years: - about Japanese troops billeted in the school chapel; bamboo horse sheds (2,000 horses) on the school flower beds, grass waist-high on the school lawns; about the Thai who burst into tears when they saw the school gates barred by strangers with fixed bayonets; and the Indian troops who came at the last and burnt Japanese equipment on the school playing fields.

The Old Boys had no welcome for the Japanese invaders. As students they had worked and played and sang with Americans for too many years. One student (I cannot divulge names) told me how as an air pilot he had fought the invaders for thirty-eight hours, and had been wounded three times. Others told me how they helped American airmen get back to Allied fields, dressing the pilots in peasant garb and taking them by night through Japanese lines. One pilot crashed near Chiang Mai within sight of Japanese troops. These started toward him. But a Prince Royal's Old Boy got there first.

"I speak English", he said to the dazed American. "I am a Christian."

The pilot hugged him.

Despite Japanese vigilance, the Old Boys daily slipped food and information to Allied prisoners of war in Siam, creeping into camps by night to fraternize with the prisoners behind the backs of the Japanese sentries. When Allied prisoners died the Old Boys buried them, marked the graves, and informed the relatives.

When Allied officers parachuted into Siam's jungles with radios and weapons to help the Underground, the Old Boys came into their own. They were versatile, and everywhere. Some were loggers and knew the remote teak trails; some were merchants and concealed Allied weapons in their merchandise; some were doctors, officers, and officials.

They told me how they acted as interpreters for Allied officers; how they got information from the Japanese - "Mine was the most accurate!" boasted one Old Boy; and how they sabotaged the enemy. The Japanese needed a certain military road and determined to build it in three months by the use of forced (Siamese) labor and unlimited funds. But nothing went right.

"After three years," said the Old Boys, with glee, "the road was still unfinished; and of all the rice the Japanese sent forth at one end, hardly a trickle reached the other!"

As I left Bangkok for Chiang Mai a crowd of Old Boys came to the Station to see me off. Two of these alumni were members of the National Assembly (Congress) - the only two Christians in the Assembly. All three Congressmen from Chiang Mai District were Old Boys. Many of the alumni had sons ready for Prince Royal's, and the pleasure they expressed at the re-opening of the School was repeated again and again in the following days by Christian parents whose sons had had to go to non-Christian schools, some in temples.

I wrote you of my three-day train ride to Chiang Mai, with passengers hanging on the platforms and riding on the roofs; of the ubiquitous Old Boys on the train who

slipped me tea and curry through the train window at every wayside stop; of Boon Riep who said, "If it had not been for the Mission I would be riding an elephant out there in the jungle today;" of the Old Boys who collected at the Stations as I neared Chiang Mai; and finally of the throng of former teachers and students - bearing garlands and the blue-and-white school banner - which met me at the journey's end and escorted me home in one of the few cars to survive the war.

Two weeks later I told Dr. Cort, "At present the happiest place in Chiang Mai is Prince Royal's!" Former teachers, for love of the school, had sacrificed higher salaries elsewhere to return and serve once again. Four had been principals of other schools. They, and the new teachers, were working against time to get Prince Royal's ready for opening - and enjoying it. Practically everything moveable on the campus, including the roses, was either misplaced or gone; practically every inch of the thirteen buildings needed repairs, resurfacing, or soap and water.

Kru John came in with an armful of silver. "Our athletic trophies!" he beamed, "found them over in the city."

Kru Muak entered triumphantly with a load of ledgers. "Our school records - located them at the magistrates!"

"Where's Kru Karun?" I asked.

"He thinks he knows where our office library was taken, - he has gone after the books with ox carts."

"And Kru Wai?"

"Salvaging desks. He thinks there's a hundred more at Son Sie."

"And Kru Boon Tong?"

"At the Dorm - he's found bed bugs!"

Kru Intawn entered, waving a volume in red leather. "The Visitors' Book! Here they are--signatures of two kings - and Prince Vajiravudh's letter naming the school - forty years ago!"

So it went during the long vacation until all equipment recoverable was in hand; until every inch of the buildings was gone over; until the cattle and goats and horses were removed from the campus and the fences mended; until the gun emplacements and air-raid trenches were filled; until the beauty of smooth lawns displaced the ashes of Japanese equipment; until rose bushes took the place of banana stalks; and until the tall Gothic Chapel - a warehouse during the war - was cleansed and restored as a place of worship.

I sold the school sheep. An Old Boy (who later went to Harvard) gave them to the grounds-keeper during the days when the grass was waist high.

"Sheep", he had said pointedly, "are useful for keeping down the grass."

Despite the war and the alien soldiers with bayonets, the Old Boys had continued to view the School as theirs.

The doors of Prince Royal's will open tomorrow to 790 students. Never before has the School's enrollment been so large; never before has its opening been so looked forward to. The teachers - the largest Christian staff in the Mission - who have opened the doors, will not fail the Old Boys and the parents who have for their sons, and the School,

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

Sincerely yours,

KEN WELLS

COPY OF HELEN MCCLAIN'S HOME LETTER----------

Kao Mi , Shantung, China
June?? , 1946

Dear Folks;
As usual, I'm too busy to write. This past week I've been running a roadside hospital. I have my wounked men stretcher along the road with straw mat under them and something rigged up to give shade. This is the sixth day since the communists took KaoMi I have no idea what date it is. We had twenty hours of heavy fighting with only one ten-minute let-up. Nobady in our compound injured and very little damage ot property. We are outside the city . The city is a wreck ; hospital burned. The victors care only for their own wounded. I never dressed a gun shot wound in my life before but I've been doing it hours on end and splinting legs that were shot thru the bone. Total patients 27, deaths 2 and one dying now. One about well; several more undoubtedly will die because of in adequate care. Only two light wounds., others all bad , some horrible. Those that we hd time to present the gospel to accept it gladly . The others want to heat but the last two days we have been too busy to talk much to them. A place has been fonnd and this evening we got them all moved. I havn't seen the place yet but will go over in the morning. The UNRRA trucks trucks were caught here by the fighting but will go on to Tsingtao tomorrow. Am sending most of our heavy baggage on. It's a great relieg to have to think of only three trunks instead of 15 under these circumstances. Of course there wom't be train service for a lonf time to come. Mr. Thong ned I won't leave until we can get in touch with the mission people and some one comes here to take over. That ought not to be too long. May be a few weeis or a month or two. We will come as soon as we can. Don't worry. We have everything we need and are inno danger. Thank God that we are still her in time of need. Several ,perhaps , will receive eternal life because of our delay. I'm deaf tired but in fine physical condition.

COY OF MR. DAVIES LETTER TO HELEN'S PARTENTS)"It seems to me I ought to add a few words to the very self-revealingwords which Helen has written to you and which she asked me to read. In the forst place I thank you for having this daughter who has done so much for and been so much to an old man who needed the kinf of help both physical and Spiritual which she and Arabella Gault have given me. This has been t rue not alone during the 2½ years of our imprisonment but even more since the Weihsien camp has been disbanded, which in some ways hve been even more trying than the tine of confinement in tthe camp;

In a note Helen says:"Tell the Consul he was right about the risk in coming here but that it is one of the greatedt opportunities for service that God hs ever given me." The U.S. consul tried his best to persuade her to go to Kaomi with Mrsl Thoong. She had my hearty support in going. It was the rieght thing to do irrespective of physical consequence Many of these people would have one believe or act as though on believed that phyical safet is the highest consideration in the life of a Christian. Now I think the fighting at Kaomi is past for the time and that Helen is right that ter is no danger now

etc...

need not return.

KAO MI, SHANTUNG
MAY 26, 1946

(Received June 6, 1946)

Dear Mother and Father:

I haven't had any letters from you lately so I suppose you think I am of my way home. Iam sorry to write that my coming will be delayed a month or two os three. These are uncertain times in which we live. I can't remember which I last wrote to you nor what I wrote. You know that Arabella has been ill since the last of February. The latter partof March she showed marked impro vement for one day and suddenly a blood clot formed on the brain and she was unable to speak or move on the right side I telegraphed to Mr. Davies who came at once bringing a Southern Baptist, Dr. Bryan, who had just returned from America. The train runs only to Kaomi, just half of the way betwenn Tsingtao and Weihsien, so Mr. Thoong(Teng), a Swedish Baptist missionary in Kaomi brought them on in his car. The roads are terrible and it had rained so they had a hard trip.Mr. Thoong stayed withus a few days until the road dried up enough to make travelling safe.Drl Bryan stayed a week and Mr. Davies three weeks. When Dr. Bryan went back to Tsingtai on a UNRRA truck, we begged him to come back to Lo Tao Yuan and help in our hospital uhtil our own Dr. Murray could get back fron the United States in May of June. Dr. Bryan's atation in Shantung is the hands of the communists, and the hospital burned to the ground (I think he was at Pintu. I.F.) so after three weeks he started back to Weihsien to help us. Mr. Thoong again brought him to Weihsien in his car. They ran into fighting on the way, and a bullet came into the front of the car, and thru Mr. Thoong's right lung, lodging just below the skin in the back.Dr. Bryan dressed the wound by the roadside, signalled for help and had him carried ot the army first aid aid bade. There the wound was redressed and Dr.Bryan drove on into Weihsien. We put Mr. Thoong to bed in the guest room and Dr. removed the bullet the next day.Two days before this Dr. Gault had been able to sit up and feed herself for the first time so Miss Huang, her nurse, (Pastor Huang's daughter) wasa able to go upstairs to look after Mr. Thoongand a student nurse came to look after Dr. Gault so Miss Huang could get some sleep. Mr. Thoong's wound seemed to heal nicely and two from the day he was carried in, he began to sit up out of bed and to talk of going home in a few days. On Sunday mouning, May I2, he wrote to his wife

 and little boy who would be two years the following morning. The mail cmae at I2;00 bringing a letter form his wife. At 2:IO he died suddenly from a blood clot on the heart . It as such ahick to usall. Every one heoped in a wonderful way. By I2 08 clock that night the coffin was made, covered, and beautifully lined and a truck hired, . Before 7 the next morning, we had a service in our front yard, loaded the coffin on the truck and Huang An Hui(Pastor Huang's son) and I started for Kaomi with the body. It was a hard trip. Due to motor trouble, bad gasoline, and bad roads we took 29 hours to make a trip that normally would take 4. We spent the night on the truck on the open road. Ihad used Mr. Davies, which we had been trying for months to sent to him, to brace the coffin so it would not slide around on the truck, and among the baggage there was a roll of mattresses and bedding, so we slept warm and comfartable on the bottom of the truck. Mr. Thoong was the only foreigner here in this station and ahe had not received the word we sent so when we arrived Tuesday noon it was a terrible shock. She is dear little woman about thirty and has tuberculosis so is frail. God has wonderfullystrenghtened her., and she is taking her loss as only one who lives close to Christ cam. On Friday we took the body on to Tsingtao and the funerla was on Friday. In the meantime the air plane, long awaited, which was to bring Aravella out to Tsingtao was scheduled ot go on Fri day. An Wei and I flew to Weihsien on it and the American Comsul wint along. He begged me to fly back to Tsingtao on it. Miss Huang had packed my trunks for mr and they were at the airfield so I jumped in a jeep, dashed out to Lo Tao Yuen, grabbed the rest of my thiings , dashed back to the a irfield , and was back in Tsingtao all in three hours. Iwept to leave our dear ones without the opportunity of saying goodbye... I had expected to leave in a few days anyway.

Now I am nack in Kaomi with Mrs. Thoong after resting a week in Tsingtao. I will help her pack up and then will take her home to Wseden. With the baby and in her physical condition(she is not bedfast, but needs extra rest and ahould not get too tired) she can't take the trip alone and there seems to be no one else to go with her. We are trying to send Arabella home on a hospital ship anf in that case she does not need me. If she does not get on that ship we have another person ready to travel with her. This will delay my getting home 2or 3 months but it seems the only thing to do. Mr. Thoong lost his life in helping us and the least I can do id to help his widow get home. ..... If we can get a Swedish boat soon we

will go straight to Sweden and I will come home across the Atlantic.If we can't we will try for an American boat and I will go on from New Yok to Sweden. In that case we might be able to vi it at home a day or two enroute /.However it is very difficult to get any kind of a sailing and sometimes one has to wait in Shanghai for weeks and even months so all of our plans are uncertain. Only this much is sure, I8m homeward bound.
Dr. Murray and Mr. Mahy reached Tsingtao begore I left there and they hope to go on into Tsingtao in a few days. Pray God they may get there safely.....

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I am in better health lately. Have more energy and endurance, 'm taking thyroid

Love to all Helen(McClain)

(Guess we need a Mission airplane - ! I.P.)

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How wonderful 16 names from the missionary course ! That is great —— 1½ hrs per day was a long one — yet there is so much to tell — especially on India —— You could teach them Hindustain !!!

Did you get any laughs out of that!!? If you got 1/10 of the fun my Senior +I had in doing it it was worth while. One of your letter ending had intrigued me — to translate it — all of the diet. I could get was small travel manual — my source was so limited — no verb endings etc — + only a few words + sentences.
Did you laugh at anything else than the mistakes? — of course I know there were many — mostly that — — but it was fun. We did it while waiting for the parade — hence the subject. I did

you get the "B-29 airplanes?"
guess Hindustan can still be
improved on!! ha —
I'd liked to have seen you
open it! Thought it was
"crazy" enuf for a "jiji".

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Am enclosing this copy of latest
word from Shantung
if you can picture some of it.
How terribly tragic!

must close — Irene

June 15, 1946.

Dearest Aunt Irene:

Your letter and the enclosed twenty dollars was received safely. It was so very kind of you to remember us constantly. Please don't send us any more money because right now we have no need of it.

Summer school has been on for two days. I am teaching laboratory and hold recitations. Altogether I have 24 students to take care of. I also have been official Noticed that I get my assistantship back

for 1946 - 46 school year with a monthly salary of #75 plus tuition and all the fees. You can see that the Lord has provided more than enough for me to finish my doctor's degree. I'll come up for my degree either in February or June. Even if I am graduated in June it will be necessary for me to remain in school till June since the contract is one year.

Want to forward Mii P's letter, but it is in school, and it has been raining very hard for several hours.

Imagine you are still waiting. Just before you leave for China, I hope you can send

me a telegram to let me
know. I certainly will pray
for Rev. achor. Better stop
here. May God bless you
and keep you.

Love
Paul.

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Dearest Aunt Irene,

I want to thank you so much for the graduation gift you sent me, especially for the love behind the gift. I appreciate it very much.

Paul & I both are teaching lab this summer. I have to do some research also, so it keeps me pretty busy. I will leave here sometime in August. & will start working in Northwestern Sept. 1.

Paul's sister wrote & said that his mother was sending me a gold band ring for my Graduation. I am so happy that they are so kind to me, & so glad to know that I "belong". His brother is sending a box of food tea, & Mei-yee sent a pair of slippers. All that gifts from his family for my Graduation! I really appreciate it, especially for their love behind the gifts. They have not arrived yet — probably will take two months or so.

I am enclosing the picture
taken on graduation day June 8.
I am sorry that I ~~wore~~ the
tassel on the wrong side; it
should be on the left side of
the mate board. But most people
will not notice ~~it~~ the error.
I didn't realize it I until
I saw the picture.

I hope that you are in the
best of health. Do not over
work now. Much love to You.

Joyce & Paul

Kindly return the stamp to me.
I collect old stamps & have not got
that red one (Roosevelt's picture) in my
collection. Thanks

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June 17, 1946

Miss Irene Forsythe
710 Jefferson Street
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Miss Forsythe:

We have read with tremendous interest the manuscript which accompanied your letter of June 8th. It came during the Interdenominational Outgoing Conference, a copy of the program of which I enclose. You will see that a number of the points you make come under the different categories and I assure you that they were discussed.

However, your manuscript gives me an excuse to write another letter to them and send them a copy. We are having it mimeographed for them all this week.

We hope that in your process of learning touch typing you can turn out something else of this sort!

Cordially yours,

Herrick B. Young

HBY:mmd

We have been greatly heartened at this time by the very generous gift of one million dollars to the Foreign Board, made by a Chinese Christian layman. The donor has asked that his name not be made public, but he is known personally to many of our China missionaries. It was my privilege to present him to the Board at its December meeting. His humble spirit and modest statement of the meaning of the Christian mission to China in the present crisis were most impressive. True to that great characteristic of the Chinese - respect for the aged and concern for their care - this gift, by the designation of the donor, is to used to provide housing and other essential services for the retired missionaries of our Board. The plan calls for the securing of a suitable site in Southern California and the erection of a group of modest homes to form a small community. The plan will provide for a social center, a common dining hall for those desiring such service, and an infirmary for those partially or wholly dependent on others for their care. Mr. C. A. Steele and I will be in Southern California later this month to participate in the survey and development of the plans. This gift reflects the wonderful spirit of the Church in China.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd S. Ruland

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As usual, I'm too busy to weite. This past week I've been running a roadside hospital. I have my wounked men stretcher along the road with straw mat under them and something rigged up to give shade. This is the siwth day since the communists took KaoMi I have no idea what date it is. We had twenty hours of heavy fighting with only one ten-minute let-up. Nobady in our compound injured and very little damage ot property. We are outside the city . The city is a wreck ; hospital burned. The victors care only for their own wounded. I never dressed a gun shot wound in my life before but I've been doing it hours on end and splinting legs that were shot thru the bone. Total patients 27, deaths 2 and one dying now. One about well; several more undoubtedly will die because of in adequate care. Only two light wounds., others all bad , some horrible. Those tht we hd time to present the gospel to accept it gladly . The others went to heat but the last two days we have been too busy to talk much to them. A place has been fonnd and this evening we got them all moved. I havn't seen the place yet but will go over in the morning. The UNRRA trucks trucks were caught here by the fighting but will go on to Tsingtao tomorrow. Am sending most of our heavy baggage on. It's a great relieg to have to think of only three trunks instead of 15 under these circumstances. Of course there wom't be train service for a lonf time to come. Mr. Thong ned I won't leave until we can get in touch with the mission people and some one comes here to take over. That ought not to be too long. May be a few weeis or a month or two. We will come as soon as we can. Don't worry. We have everything we need and are inno danger. Thank God that we are still her in time of need. Several ,perhaps , will receive eternal life because of our delay. I'm deaf tired but in fine physical condition.

COY OF MR. DAVIES LETTER TO HELEN'S PARENTS)"It seems to me I ought to add a few words to the very self-revealing words which Helen has written to you and which she asked me to read. In the forst place I thank you for having this daughter who has done so much for and been so much to an old man who needed the kinf of help both physical and Spiritual which she and Arabella Gault have given me. This has been t rue not alone during the 2½ years of our imprisonment but even more since the Weihsien camp has been disbanded, which in some Ways Hve been even more trying than the tine of confinement in tthe camp;

In a note Helen says:"Tell the Consul he was right about the risk in coming here but that it is one of the greatedt opportunities for service that God hs ever given me." The U.S. consul tried his best to persuade her to go to Kaomi with Mrsl Thoong. She had my hearty support in going. It was the rieght thing to do irrespective of physical consequenc Many of these people would have one believe or act as though on believed that phyical safe is the highest consideration in the life of a Christian. Now I think the fighting at Kaom is past for the time and that Helen is right that ter is no danger now

etc...

July 8, 1946

Dearest aunt Irene:

We are so happy to receive your letter of July 4th, and know that you are going to leave this country for China on August 15th. Home folks will be so very happy to see you again after saying "so long" for the past few years. I am very glad that you have been able to live near your love ones for these few months before your new departure from America. Yes, I received a box of tea from home and Joyce received a gold ring from mother. However, my heart feel very bad to think that they had to spend so money on me and Joyce while they have been having such hard time themselves. I have sent home about fifty dollars, and hope this little sum might help in a measure of small way. Min-T Tsu wrote me a letter from Anhwei province. In his letter he mentioned that his wife and four of the five children are with him. His oldest girl is living with Min Tsu's mother-in-law. Ai-Tsu also write me a letter the other day. He is still working in the Post Office in Tsingtao. In his letter he did not mention whether he has been working there regularly or not. His son is about four years old who is very ~~quite~~ cute. From the picture I notice that Ai Tsu's has aged somewhat as we all do.

We both have been teaching in summer school. I have 24 students to take care of. They are all veterans. As a whole they are much better students than the ones I had formerly because they are older and are more serious minded. I get along with them very well. Summer school will be out on 7th of August, and I have to report to the Black Hill camp by the 12th. Joyce will leave Iowa City for Wheaton. She is going to stay there for about three weeks and then will go to Northwestern from Wheaton. Last week end we went to Evanston to find a room for Joyce to stay next year. Everybody told us that it was impossible to find a room in the whole town, and yet through the help of God we were able to find a very nice room with a monthly rent of 25 dollars. Things are very ex-

pensive there. Joyce is going to get a monthly salary of $200 ~~per month~~. We figure she might be able to save 20 or 30 dollars every month. I find a attic room for $12 per month which is very cheap. My salary has increased from 60 to 75 dollars per month. This sum will be just about enough to take care of all my school expenses, perhaps might have $10 surplus each month. I have rent a mail box in the post office, no. is 412 . You can write to this number if you remember it. otherwise, you can write to the Geology Department.

I have the old overcoat packed up long time ago, but didn't express it yet. Let's forget about it, shall we? Probably you have too much to carry already anyway.

Our departmental chairman has been in Norway this summer representing America for some kind of world geological conference. He will be back this fall. Better stop here .

Much love

Joyce & Paul

P.S. We have just about salvaged all the large box of things that sent us. At first Joyce's brother Leon wanted the overcoat but it was too large for him. That's one of the main reason why it has not been forwarding it to you. If you still want it. I'll mail it to you immediately.

July 27, 1946

Dearest aunt Irene:

Your airmail post card came into my hand this morning. So very glad to hear that you can get a boat directly to Tsingtao. Now you don't have to pass through Shanghai. Home folks will be so happy to see you again after such a long separation. Please give my best regard to all. Tell mother ~~that~~ we are well and happy in the Lord. There is nothing that she needs to worry over us.

Joyce went to the hospital yesterday, and was operated on eight o'clock this morning. The doctor told me it was not cancer. Ho ever, it might come back again. They are not just quite sure that what was the cause for it. I just came back from the hospital and happy to report to you that Joyce has done wonderfully. She can get out of there after a few days.

Today I am not in a mood of writing letter. However, I do wish you can have a very pleasant voyage. Our prayers will be follow you all the way. Next letter I 'll write you directly to Tsingtao. May God bless you and give you a good, and safety trip.

Much love

Carl

August 2, 1946

Dearest aunt Irene:

Thank you for your air-mail of August first which came into my hand just a few minutes ago. I am terribly sorry that my letter about Joyce's operation caused you so much worry. Here I can tell you more in detail. She went into the hospital last Friday afternoon, and was operated on Saturday 8:30 P.M.. The doctor leted her came out Sunday afternoon. They did~~n't~~ ~~use~~ usl ~~any~~ gas on her ~~but~~ gave her a shot in the arm and then she went to sleep right the way. Afterward she didn't have any pain at all. Joyce had couple little growths on her uterus, and she also had a thick lining inside the womb. They removed the growths and the thick lining. Now she is perfectly well and has been teaching since last Wednesday. She is not a student any more, so thearetically she had to pay; but the doctor gave her free. The only thing that she has to pay was $17.00 for the hospital. We are very thankful to the Lord. Thankful you so much for the five dollars that you send to Joyce. Right now she is in class teaching, so won't be able to write you this time since I want to rush on this letter you.

A week from this Saturday I am going to leave her for Black Hills. Will be there until the 15th of September. Right now I don't know the exact address yet. You can write me through the old address or write to^Iowa University Geological Field Camp, Deadwood, South Dekota will reach me alright. Joyce is going to leave ~~for~~ here for Wheaton immediately after I leave. The landlord gives me an apartment in the basement with a monthly rent of $15.00. After all, my address for next year will be still 307 Iowa Avenue. Better stop here.

Much love

Paul

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Sept 8—

Dearest Sis:
Write before going to country. Just got Paul's acct-
book out of lock + Here is Mrs. Moshuli's ——
Your guessed pretty well on it. That blue rug
which you sold for $8 she had for $10. — so after
all of her wear — — not bad!

Screen 25.00
Lapis ring 5.00
30.00

Mary's vase — paid 5.00
due 9.00
Said she'd also just send the senior
$ 10.00 title during
year.

Here is what the Wilsons had,

	Our money here
9 carved ivory rings	— 38.00
3 jade rings	— 22.00
2 jade clips	30.00

($ pairs of cinlidy or 1 pair I forget) slippers)
($ 43.00 paid by Miss Law)

Dear:
There that was all I got written then. Was called in to Mrs. Romig's. They live just across the door in the double house you know. Thyd been out to Chan Chan (summer colony 4 mi away) — for a month + were just back. They had ice cream for supper + called me in to have some. Mr. Van Hauen happened in so we all enjoyed it. He was going to pop corn later (Arthur the Romig son from Huangsien Pres. Mission was leaving next a.m.) So I promised to go in too.

They were to have a game of checkers + pop it
while I went for the book — I just got that
much done when they called me for the popcorn.
Mrs. Romig had said too that since I was leaving
the next day we must sing + have my favorite —
That is "Sundown" to the Londonderry Tune —

That is what stopped the letter — They have all
been so nice + thoughtful to me during these months
of illness + being lame. Romig's have taken me a
a daughter — Mrs. R. has been the matter of six — + is
just a motherly type — Mr. Davis too have been very
thoughtful to me in many ways. Since the "freezing" gas
has been impossible to get — so when anyone did go
to the Hulk — we all went along. The month has
given me many more "foreign contacts" than usual.
Martha Wylie has been down all summer. She loves
picnics out on the rocks in front of the house
left them by Mrs. Mateer — so we've had some just
great times there. After the picnic — + each time
there has been a wonderful sunset on the sea
+ mts — we'd all sit + sing for an hour or so.
This summer has some very lovely memories for
me. of sunsets + moonlight sings on the rocks. The
last (last) Saturday Martha + I had a horseback
ride — I'd been wanting one all summer +
every time we'd pass a good horse my heart would
turn-over — till finally we managed. They'd
told a man to bring horses — for two — ten
came so we had our pick. I never have
ridden along the edge of the sea on the hard

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sand but somehow it has always seemed an ideal place — rather luxurious — so this time Mar's horse was slower + she didn't care to go fast — so I left her + raced up the hard sand — ah! it was thrilling — the Yellow Sea was so blue + the mts ahead were blue too! Tsingtao is a beautiful spot - no joke! That was great! Then caught up with Mar + we rode in the shady paths up to the top of a mountain where we could see over the whole area — Had a real visit + talked of her going home. Dr. Murray feels it best + she is quite reconciled to it — Wants + needs a good rest! Since her operation she hasn't built up as she should — if times here were less tense - she'd be all right too — but from the first she has said no conc - c. for her — so expect she will be better fit for the peace-time return by going now - I hate to have her go — I'll surely miss her! She'll not likely be going up thru Oregon I guess She'll not likely be going up thru Oregon I guess I told her would be glad to see her if she did. No speaking now for her.

I considered sending my blue rug with her but it seemed such a fog to get it out + done up + it is in a safe place — Mattie's silver too. I pondered over. She'd have been glad to have taken it for me + brought it back — but too it is in an even safer place than the rug — + even Dow who is inclined to be the most "jittery" of all — agreed that it seemed unnecessary — so I am keeping it. I think it will be all right. If I'm wrong - I'm wrong! but that is my decision.

4 With this coming out I have left even less in my house. I spent some days doing station property lists + valuations for A.M. consul in case — + did my own too but had very little left there. Clothes were packed in several places so now to change seasons + go back to find clothes is a problem.

Pressure was put on me from several to stay in town this winter + do the religious work in the 3 schools — 1200 students — (Mrs Gerhardt's work) — I'd have enjoyed it too but it would have meant a possible "concent-c." — "if" or proceed return to U.S. "if" both of which I hope to avoid by this path. A fine Christian sailed me the gas to come out on to Mrs Sullivan's (Lutheran Mission) + from there we came on by car. The great country area too is so needy. Coonradts are uncertain of being out + that leaves only two three. Mrs. C. finally took the girls school Bible classes provisionally + There are people to do that kind who are not in a position to do this kind. There are several villages which were plans to go to open this year — — So it seemed best to come on out. Presbytery & a big meeting of all over the area is in Iriino in November 20 - 30. I might go in ten — depends on passes etc being available or gas!

Your letters are surely held up somewhere. No word since you wrote of Ray's planned operation — No word since at all. Margie's of July 19 came but no mention of it. Yours was the 14th. it seems to me — or 9th —

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I should have put in a special request for prayer for Paul in that last report. He was worrying a bit over Ethics + Theism. This year will be his hardest — He did very well last term — average 83.+ — Had another trial. Had been highest in Physics all term — fell a bit on the final exam = to 85 — but in the final grades another boy got the highest. The Prof. told him that he knew that there was none any better than he, Paul, + that his grades were highest — but that this Reed was a member of the Physics Honorary Society so he had to give him the better grade!!! Paul said, "I really was angry!" Poor Kid! Guess, he's got to be trained to take all sorts of unfairness + injustice + not get bitter — + to know that there are no perfect human organizations anywhere! Probably preparing him to meet some thing later in life! His letters too are slow! Hopes to graduate this June — must go help — make pas tzu (these will be better than the ones I made for you! ha)!

They are done now.

The Mail Bag letters are limited to 30 words KQEI, Fairmont Hotel San Francisco. Must be there 48 hrs. ahead of the Broadcast time. Your letter will be picked up for me, if you send one, by Mr. Van Leuven — who generally waits up for one from Mrs. Van or Mr. Romig. He

always sits up for them. I see that the Pres. Board will broadcast also once a month but it will not be personal at all. The Mail Bag ~~[illegible]~~ provides that. Some people get messages every night - so add a new name just for fun. This free service is really very nice & really appreciated by many. It does give a nice touch with home folks.

This letter will wait till Tues. to go & then who knows how much longer — might as well expect it to be slow I expect.

Write later — —

Dear Sis: When you are finished with Moody Monthly what about sending it to me — still that isn't a good bargain — By time I pay postage it will cost more than the original subscription — I had Revelation sent to me for a year so it is sent too — so have no religious magazines. Mike always sends me "Reader's Digest" "Revelation" is 300 S. 17th Street Philadelphia Pa suppose we try it six months - see whether it will come or not — you sent it to my acct. That will take up till summer & then I'll see how it goes. Thanks - Let me know what you owe you!

Last note — Mon P M. — going out for a month or till old weather drives us back to "Bethany" for eatties! I am quite recovered; still not up to par but — so grateful to be out & to be here in Ω!

Love to all! Write me by Mail Bag about Ray — & operation —

Love = to Chuck & all !!

Yours, Irene

not corrected — of Warren's —

Still at San Mateo in the beautiful home
September 24, 1946

Dear Family :

I am starting out with new carbons so I have hopes that this will be legible , I am far from sure aboutthis typing , but from Roy's discription of my writing, even poor typing is to be preferred to it. I think that his may be the best way to keep in touv with you all from now on if I can do it. I811 attempt it , if you will promise to be pa- with carbons.

Here I have been here two weeks , and hve begun to feel quite at home by now in this lovely home withi ts spasiouc yards, swimmin pool - hven't been in ti tho, tennis court, and perfectly wonderful folks. They are of that reare group in the world who have wealth and want to share it and who c n do it so beautifully and not at all patronizingly , .I just love Mrs. Atkinson. She is do full og pep and fun , and so prompt to act to fill any need that they can . I have become as much at home in their M ·E· gruops in any other. They even say I belong to them too! The days have all been so differe nt , some full to the brim , others restful. I found after that terrific rush of "Mother Fan " and thamany 3 A.M. morning I was in need of a rest- rest so have hd some gorgeious days out in the sun in thier yard

Sunday and Monday of this week have been interesting. Roy, you would say that I am runni true to form 'getting everything stirred up. W have hd excitement. (There is an a on this machine - my skipping it to the contrary). Sunday S.S. I went to a breakfast Club. Quite an idea . This gruop of GIs and older young people come to the church , cook their breakfast, and have a meeting, discussion, S.S. etc over by church time . There are about 20 there and The Master so grsciuosly blessed the speakingtotthem . I loved it'. Somethings happened in hearts I am sure. A ME.E. missy from West Chinna spole at church and he was fine. Time out- Dentist -- Later -- Mrs. A has been invvlved for about a wweek with al dy who called her, needing help very much, money gone , ill , and unable to work. We have had her her and talked with her. The trip to the psychiatriat was a failure, She only told her since she had no money she could not afford her treatment. So Mrs. A and , have been trying ours on her. She needed a place to go to rest for a time, I thought of Christine's , not that it would be restful there but Christine had not wanted to be alone etc. Anyway altho my idea had lots of things wrong with it,tI went over to CorteM adera , . They had saved me some chicken and I had a good visit. They are so alone it made one sorry to see them go back. Onr the bus here beside me was an Hawiian student , turned down by Univ. f Chic finding discrimination foe the frist time in his life, and about deciding to go back to his home. I persuaded him to try Muskingum or Univ of Iowa. I told him of Paul and that he could help with the ropes. That cheered him up so he decided to go alo g with me to harrthe famous Feng Yu- Hsiang. He is the 'Christian General' of whose conversion you have heard me tell- at the Boxer time when they were leading out this missy- lady to kill her, he heard her preach and then heard her pray for forgiveness for the killers. Then that so impressed him that he decided that some day he would be a Christian.

Feng's speech was very good. It was in my st le of Cjinese and I thoroughly enjoyed it It was translated into Cantonese. Feng Yu- Hsiang said all that he is he owed to Christ, and all that China is today she owes to Christ, and altho the people did resist and other c countries gave them help, the real reason for the fact of Chin's holding on was due to Chi ang Kai- Shek and that he is a Christian. He ot a big clap t that. Then he told the story of our Dr. Logan (Elsa'S father)a doctor, who was killed in Feng's courtyard by a crazy man whom he w s tr eating , how Feng had offered $8000 t o the wife . She refused it but wnet on with the hospital work and did not sue him at all. The Feng sent that money to the Logan son who was in school in Americ and he returned it. Eventually Feng built a church as a memorial to DR.Logan. His cocclusion was that kind of condust was only possible from Christians. Then afte r I left mu Hawiian escort, there in the street car I met a Chinese I had known at Moody , from Shantung. He and his pupil, a missy studying Chinese wi th him , were also goint to the bus station and on my bus so I was escorted on to my stop. At least I was safely taken thru the wildness of San Francisso . I.wrote President Bob at M.C. Today MR II called and said that the story was continuing inthe same tenor as the other night. He had gone to Univ. Of Cal (rejected there before) and had an appoinment to see the counsellor tomorrow, and a felloe had come up to him asking him to share a room with him so he was quite delighted. I want Mrs. A to meet him . They will be n nice for hi, to know.

Monday I also had a high flight with the high- ups . Maybe not so high Time may tell the result. The Uss Gen Anderson leaves here the first of October and goes direct to Tsingtao. I called a number of times and had the information that I must contact a

Commander M-- in Washington D.C. Mr. H-- at the office said to call him , There are so many wanting on thsi boat so if I could do that , it would be fine. I felt quite excited over a telephone call across the continent. It was just $3.50. He said that he could not go over the orders of the Sec of Navy so I wrote a 95 word telegram to him ! Never before had I done that! We felt it too long and complicated to bother Gov. Tellegain but I referred to him in the request. That was exciting . Went as night letter. Today I had hoped for word but non as yet. The word form the compay is stalling . Each day they say "Call tomorrow" So the stirke is not settled as far as we are concerned. If they draw it out till the big one of the 30th of Sept -- then we are sunk. Wed 400 missys, many of them have to give up rooms to the American Legion Convention-- so --- If I can get on the Andrrson, that will be fine if I can get my baggage out of the warehouse, past the pickets. Perhaps a navy guard could do it.

Then yesterday Mrs. A found a rest home for this lady and took her to it today. That was wonderful! It is ideal , must have medical checkup and will have Drs, care. , an Advehtis home. I went to the dentist and had a cleaning, bought some notions etc, summed an hour and sewed this Pm. Put a zipper in a dress, practised on the piano and had supper with the two children . I love this family . they are so fine. I' ll tell you goodnight for now and finish tomorrow with the next installment. Mrs. A called up the Pres minister and to-morrow I go to a circle to speak. Did I tell you that a lady came after one of the M.E. meetings and brought $2i.50 worth of vitamins to me to take. ?

Thurs . P.M. I hesitate to tell you the latest news '. You will watch the papers to check it . I hate to get you all excited again-- but the latest is that we sail on Sunday at four , Sept 29 th. That is before the 30th strikes. Does it mean that we will ge away before the strike or not . I cannot tell you - only this is it of this minute. We a to be at the dock at ten 'Oclock and sail at four. I will go into the city in the AM.M. to see about the cheap suitcase which is empty ; think I will buy up more thin paper to fil it- could'nt take an empty case. My high-flting in politics so far has not brought a re ply . Of course it may come leong after the Snderson shs gone. I would feel a bit fearful if it does noe . If I would wait for it,then, the Anderson not go,!!!.

The Hawaiian student has called to keep me informed. He went over the the Uof Cal. an while in line a student offered him a room with him and the y promised to give him defini word today at nine. or else help him in to San Jose State Teachers's college. My Pres. meeting went off well yesterday.. Been out to lunch today & helped os S.S. Books for M.E.

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